

RESOLUTIONS

World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union

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ALCOHOL

WHEREAS research continues to substantiate the findings that the adolescent brain is not fully developed until the mid-20s and that alcohol causes irreparable damage to the developing brain, and

WHEREAS in the current hi-tech society in which we live, each government should want their future leaders to develop to their full potential,

BE IT RESOLVED that WCTU members encourage their government to raise or maintain a legal drinking age of at least age 21.

TOBACCO

WHEREAS the health dangers that occur from smoking cigarettes are now widely accepted and the forecast of deaths to be expected from smoking in the years ahead is devastating, and

WHEREAS cigars, pipes, and smokeless or chewing tobacco are not safe alternatives to smoking,

BE IT RESOLVED that WCTU members continue to ask their government to raise the legal age for smoking, ban cigarette advertising, require large warnings on cigarette packages, and join the WCTU to observe World No Tobacco Day, May 31, each year.

INTERNET ADDICTION

WHEREAS children and youth are exposed to the influences of various pornographic and gambling sites and games with violent content through the Internet, and various electronic games, and

WHEREAS children need a healthy and safe environment to ensure their freedom to develop self-control, discipline, and accountability,

BE IT RESOLVED that WCTU members use every avenue to alert parents to the inherent dangers their children face in order to help their children establish a healthy balance between internet use and other activities.

Reference: www.microsoft.com/protect/family/activities/addict.msp

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

WHEREAS our primary responsibility as Christians is to worship God and obey Him, including following biblical teaching to pray and worship with other Christians and to remember to pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, and

WHEREAS Christians (more than 200 million in over 60 nations) are being denied their basic human right because of their Christian faith and many are losing their lives because of their faith,

BE IT RESOLVED that WCTU members pray for the Christian believers around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS human trafficking, the capture and confinement of individuals for the purpose of sexual exploitation, abuse and enslavement, occurs today at an alarming rate (an estimated 12.3 million people are coerced into forced labour or sexual exploitation around the world), and

WHEREAS the United Nations has put forth a three-pronged approach to combating human trafficking which includes the 1) Prevention of trafficking, 2) Prosecuting traffickers, and 3) Protecting victims of trafficker.

BE IT RESOLVED that WCTU members encourage their government to combat trafficking by implementing efforts to:

- 1) prevent its occurrence,
- 2) create legislation that criminalizes trafficking and effectively prosecutes traffickers, and
- 3) provide protection to victims of trafficking.

CLEAN DRINKING WATER

WHEREAS general conditions of poverty in the form of chronic hunger and thirst may be the defining human tragedy of this century, and

WHEREAS the making and drinking of strong alcoholic beverages becomes a necessity in order to combat lack of clean drinking water,

BE IT RESOLVED that WCTU members acknowledge and support that access to water should be framed as a human right and therefore the WWCTU will take as a project the challenge to help facilitate the accessibility of clean drinking water in countries worldwide.

Resources where you may contribute:

Christian Broadcasting Network (www.cbn.com) provides wells and cisterns

International Disaster Emergency Service (www.ides.org) drills wells

Procter & Gamble (www.csdw.org) distributes PUR packets to clean water

Note: According to the World Health Organization, 1.2 billion people worldwide do not have access to clean drinking water, and a further 2.6 billion lack adequate sanitation services. These numbers are expected to rise. The UN has estimated that 2.8 billion people in 48 countries will be living in conditions of water stress or scarcity by 2025.

At the March 2009 United Nations (UN) meetings coinciding with the World Water Forum, Canada, Russia, and the United States refused to support a declaration that would recognize water as a basic human right. The special resolution proposed by Germany and Spain, and endorsed by the President of the UN General Assembly, was instead rejected in favour of further examination of issues of access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

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